



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

November 3, 1997

H.R. 1842

**A bill to terminate further development and implementation
of the American Heritage Rivers Initiative**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on October 22, 1997

H.R. 1842 would prohibit the use of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to any federal agency, including the Council on Environmental Quality, to develop or carry out the American Heritage Rivers Initiative.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1842 would have no impact on federal spending because the bill would not affect federal appropriations. Fiscal year 1998 appropriations for the Council on Environmental Quality do not contain any funding for this program and prohibit the council from using the funds of any other federal agency for this or other purposes. No specific funding for the initiative was requested by the President, and no funds have ever been provided to any agency.

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments. H.R. 1842 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

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